

December 14, 2010

Mr. Edgar W. García  
Department of Defense  
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers  
Antilles Office  
400 Fernández Juncos Avenue  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299

Dear Mr. García:

Pursuant 36 CFR Part 800, §800.3(f)(1), I hereby request to be included as an interested party in the Section 106 review process of the Vía Verde natural gas pipe line project (permit Application No. SAJ- 2010-02881 (IP-EWG)). Due to the fact that the area of potential effects of this project crosscuts my regional research area, my input in this review process would be of great value in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects that this undertaking might have on historic properties registered or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

I am an Assistant Professor of Archaeology at the Social Sciences Program of the Universidad de Puerto Rico in Utuado and founding member of the Sociedad Arqueológica del Otoao. I have more than 20 years of experience in the field and have published numerous peer reviewed articles on Puerto Rican and Caribbean archaeology. I recently published the book titled *Rethinking Puerto Rican Precolonial History* (2010, Caribbean Archaeology and Ethnohistory Series, University of Alabama Press), where I present a revamped perspective on the indigenous cultures that inhabited the island in pre-Columbian times.

If you need any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me at (787)207-7318 or at [reniel.rodriguez@upr.edu](mailto:reniel.rodriguez@upr.edu).

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Reniel Rodríguez Ramos', with a stylized, flowing script.

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